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TRENDS

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A subtly-colored steel gray fitted coat with man-tailored sleeves is Toni Miley's choice for fall and winter wear. Joan Schindel in her tan wool coat likes the button-up version of a turtle neck collar and wrist-snug sleeves for warmth.



THIS SEASON of football games and the smell of burning leaves finds your winter coat in fashionable forms of masculine tailoring. Autumn accents styles ranging between the long lean line and the fitted silhouette.

A very gentle back flare—sometimes controlled with a half belt or an inverted pleat—is the only deviation from the usual straight cut. Although the princess line is still predominant, the new narrow shape in coats and jackets touches the figure at the shoulder and hip, and is neither fitted nor loose, gracefully slimming the figure.

Collars Ordinary, Extreme

A collar borrowed-from-the-men will bring many compliments your way. In the range of styles you'll find both extremes—the big square sailor flap collar and the collarless vest neckline. One of the exciting necklines is the bolster collar which stands up and falls away from the chin in small lapels. Or perhaps you will choose a collar that mushrooms up and falls back into a puritan, draped, shawl or rolled collar. A notched chesterfield or jersey-trimmed collar will also give you a high score.

The final style rating in coats is the sleeves. A melon cut, with the sleeve fullest just below the elbow and snug at the wrist, is the latest style this year. The dolman, ragland, tapered and dropped shoulders are used with the straight cut and fitted silhouettes.

Lengths Vary

You can find these features in dress length and three-quarter length coats. Either length is perfect for your new all-important matching three-piece suit or dress. The skirts under the new coats will be as slim as you, hugging waist and hips. The jackets follow the coat lines. The coat and suit will be of matching fabric; but the dress can be silk, wool or jersey, and this material will trim your coat. Fagoting, a decorative stitching, will also be handsome trim.

In fabric a coat of soft, deep-piled fleece or a smooth feather-weight tweed can keep you luxuriously warm in natural and synthetic materials. The Irish Blarney, Scotch and English tweeds all come in blends of the earthy colors, spicing your wardrobe with this peppery fabric.

Plain Colors Tops

Soft wool piles in plain colors share first place in coating material. Basic colors have their usual popularity. But this year you can also choose a coat color that's just a little lighter, darker, brighter, and above all warmer than before. Try on a coat of holly green, coral, peacock, orange, royal blue or warm winter red. You'll even see gay harlequin colors.

Capture the spirit of crisp days with a deep-piled or smooth tweed coat to flatter you in your winter wardrobe and make a matching suit or dress ensemble.